

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A seat for a suspended rope, the seat comprising:

a plate-shaped seat body having an axial passage for the rope; and
means cooperating with said seat body to define a horizontal channel, said horizontal channel disposed external to said axial passage, whereby the seat is attached to the rope by inserting a free end of the rope through said axial passage and then bending the rope end back in an upward direction while leaving a gap between the rope and an outer, lower portion of said channel, and then passing the rope end through said channel and through said gap thereby forming a knot in the rope at a lower side of said seat body and said channel, wherein said seat body has a stepped section disposed outside of said axial passage, said stepped section being covered in a radial direction by a bridge to form said channel, wherein said bridge is substantially L-shaped and comprises a radial arm and an axial arm, wherein an eyelet ring of the radial arm engages an annular recess formed on a lower side of said hollow member concentrically to said passage, wherein the axial arm has an end flange which engages on a receiving section of said hollow member formed on a base of said stepped section.

2. (original) The seat of claim 1, wherein said seat body is formed as a hollow member.

3 to 5 cancelled.

6. (original) The seat of claim 1, wherein an upper side of said seat body has nubs or grooves.
7. (currently amended) The seat of ~~claim 1~~ claim 6, wherein said nubs or grooves are circular.
8. (currently amended) The seat of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, further comprising means for attaching said bridge to said seat body.
9. (original) The seat of claim 8, wherein said attaching means comprise screws.
10. (currently amended) The seat of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein said radial arm of said bridge defines two outer recesses disposed on opposite sides of said bridge within which the rope seats after formation of said knot.
11. (currently amended) The seat of ~~claim 4~~ claim 1, wherein said hollow member and said bridge are injection moulded bodies.